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TAGS: PDIP GA (JABANG, LAMIN K.) (SALLAH, OUSMAN AHMAD)

SUBJ: PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIAL/DESIGNATION OF RESIDENT
AMBASSADOR

REF: STATE 212443

1. IN RESPONSE TO INSTRUCTION REFTTEL, ACTING CHARGE TELEPHONED PERM SEC MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS TO REQUEST APPOINTMENT WITH MINISTER JABANG. WHEN INFORMED OF PURPOSE OF APPOINTMENT, PERM SEC TAAL REQUESTED PRIVATE MEETING WITH CHARGE TO DISCUSS RECENT DEVELOPMENTS WHICH WOULD OBVIATE NEED TO DELIVER MESSAGE.

2. IN DISCUSSION BETWEEN CHARGE AND PERM SEC, LATTER INFORMED CHARGE OF THE GAMBIA'S INTENT TO WITHDRAW THE NOMINATION OF AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE JABANG IN FAVOR OF THE HONORABLE OUSMAN AHMAD SALLAH, CURRENTLY SERVING AS THE GAMBIA'S ENVOY TO SAUDI ARABIA.

3. PERM SEC SAID THAT IN LIGHT OF CILSS RESPONSIBILITIES AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS, THE GAMBIA GOVERNMENT HAS REEVALUATED ITS NEED TO ESTABLISH A PERMANENT MISSION IN THE UNITED STATES WITH A RESIDENT AMBASSADOR. MR. TAAL SAID THAT AMBASSADOR SALLAH HAS BEEN CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED NOMINATION
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AND READILY ACCEPTED. THE PERM SEC APOLOGIZED FOR NOT HAVING ADVISED THE MISSION SOONER OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS AND SAID THAT OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION WITH COMPLETE BIOGRAPHIC DATA WOULD BE FORWARDED IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE.

4. IT IS INTENDED THAT AMBASSADOR SALLAH WILL BE RESIDENT IN NEW YORK AND ACCREDITED AS FIRST SECRETARY TO THE UNITED NATIONS

AS WELL AS AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES. THE PERM SEC WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE APPOINTMENT OF MINISTER JABANG (WHO WOULD HAVE BEEN RESIDENT IN THE GAMBIA) WAS A STOP-GAP MEASURE WHICH GOTG HAD NEVER BEEN SATISFIED WITH.

5. THE PERM SEC SAID THAT AMBASSADOR SALLAH IS VERY FAMILIAR WITH THE UNITED STATES, HAVING BEEN ONE OF THE FIRST GAMBIANS TO STUDY AND OBTAIN HIS DEGREE THERE IN THE EARLY SIXTIES. AMBASSADOR SALLAH IS RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF THE MOST CAPABLE AND ACCOMPLISHED DIPLOMATS IN THE GAMBIAN SERVICE. HE IS A CAREER OFFICER WHOSE APPOINTMENT TO SAUDI ARABIA WAS INDICATIVE OF THE GAMBIA'S GREAT CONCERN FOR THEIR RELATIONS WITH THAT COUNTRY. REASSIGNING HIM TO THE UNITED STATES IS SIGNIFICANT IN THAT LIGHT.
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